

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Claims, 1-19 and 22 are now cancelled, claims 20 and 21 are amended, and new dependent claims 23-30 are added into the application. The above amendment traverses the currently outstanding rejection.
2. With respect to Berglof et al, U.S. 5,682,653, we have not found items 18 A and 19 A in the drawings.
3. Berglof, doesn't define a continuous cover member, but rather defines a tubular structure with magnets inside it; see claim 1 col 4, line 5; claim 4, col 4 line 34, and claim, 7 col 4, line 59.
4. In Berglof the two magnetic members must be manually parted in order to use it as a page marker. In the instant invention it is not necessary to part the magnets in order to receive the sheet of paper, but rather, the two members need only be pushed onto the sheet of paper. Please see the Examiner's citation on pages 6 and 7.
5. The present invention distinguishes over the cited references by virtue of the continuous cover which lies over the unequal lengths resulting in the avoidance of manually separating the magnets, i.e., the paper can easily slip between the magnets.
6. Please see the attached image of the operating sequence which shows from top to bottom, first the paper sheet approaching the magnets; next, the paper sheet, itself, parting the magnets; and finally, the paper sheet fully inserted and secure between the magnets. This image is not for inclusion into the application but for Examiner's reference only.
7. Therefore, claims 20, 21 and 23-30 distinguish over the prior art. Applicant asks that the Examiner provide a notice of allowance for these claims.

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